THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRON- T AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN;.- (a) Yes, Sir.

and (c) No separate study has been made, but it is well known that deforestation on steep hill slopes in high, rainfall zones renders them vulnerable to erosion and landslides. (d) The following steps are being

(i) Greater vigilance is being exercised to present illicit fellings in forests.

(ii) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been enacted to k indiscriminate diversion of forest lands to non-forest use.

(iii) Afforestation effort inclusive of farm forestry is being intensified.

Smuggling of Uranium to Canada

1003. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

: whether Government are of the allegation raised by a member in the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly regarding the gling of uranium from the of Lalitpur district to Canada.

(b) whether Government have received any report in this regard Erore the Uttar Pradesh Government; and

if so, what arc the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND NOLOGY AND IN THE DE PARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVE LOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Govern- has seen a news report to this effect.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Pak successful testing of Nuclear Triggers

1004. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govdrnment are aware of the fact that Pakistan has successfully tested triggers for nuclear bomb;

(b) whether Government are also aware that in the last month of July. 1985 Pakistani scientists successfully tested the firing mechanism known as krypton producing a non-nuclear explosion; and

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, what steps the Government of India propose to take to manufacture nuclear weapons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Government's attention has been drawn to repdrts about testing by Pakistan of trigger devices known as krytrons obtained from th USA.

(c) Government remains committed to the development of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes. All developments having a bearing on the country's security are kept under constant review and Government will continue to do so with utmost vigil.

Pak. smuggling of Electronic Triggers from USA

1005. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained the veracity of the report that Pakistan has successfully tested U.S. made kryptons' electronic trigger;

(b) whether Government have also ascertained whether Pakistan have reportedly succeeded on experimenting a secret centrifuge plant at Kahuta for enriching uranium to weapon-grade level;